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From: Willson-Quayle, James CIV DON/AA, DRMD

Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 6:52 AM

To: (b) (6) DON/AA, ITD

Subject: RE: Questions for the PI

(b) (6)

1. All pages have been reviewed. However, you will see on the "special project" spreadsheet I sent you that some records remain classified even after a re-review (labeled in a column as "exempted"). Further, you will see a column labeled "excluded" from declassification on the same spreadsheet. "Excluded" means that these documents are still classified because other agencies must review them first for their equities. We won't know until after they are reviewed by these agencies if those documents would remain classified.
2. Please see the spreadsheet I sent you. The tabs at the bottom are a document by document level description with a classification. They range from C to TS, and there are some RD/FRD and as well as one SCI document.
3. DOE training was Secret RD/FRD; I do not know the NSA training level since I was not there. I was told afterwards that it was unclassified, but (b) (6) would know for sure.

Hope this helps.

v/r,  
James

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Sent: Thursday, June 04, 2015 1:41 PM

To: (b) (6)

Subject: need clarification

Importance: High

(b) (6)

I need some clarification:

Excalibur sent a VAR for (b) (6) to you. You then sent this to (b) (6) the DON/AA security coordinator.

1. Did you also send it (b) (6) or (b) (6)?
2. And did (b) (6) and/or (b) (6) ever reply back to you concerning the VAR? I am just trying to close any gaps.

Thanks,  
James

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From: (b) (6) [mailto:(b) (6)@ssp.navy.mil]  
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All VARs from Excalibur (as well as from AECOM and QualX) were sent directly to (b) (6). VARs were passed by all contractors through JPAS to the SMO code that (b) (6) provided. I believe that the subs would notify the prime's PM that the clearances had been passed. I did not have JPAS access until about Sep/Oct 14, so I would periodically request the list of VARs for the Fremont site to verify if there were individuals who needed to be removed or added or updated.

Since Navy 1 was a contract that was initiated under NCIS, I don't know if the security procedures were handled differently, but I can tell you that my (b) (6) appointment letter for Navy 1 does not address security procedures and during the (b) (6) turn over, there was never any discussion or tasking to me as the (b) (6) to verify clearances.

My (b) (6) letter for Navy 2 which was done in (b) (6) (electronically) which I signed on 29 April 2014 (Attached), one year after the start of the contract, states: "Ensure the Contractor coordinates all security and access requirements through the Requiring Activity's Security Manager (RASM)." This leads me to believe that the contractor must have been given specific instructions on how to coordinate access. I cannot find that in the contract language, but you may want to ask (b) (6).

The SSO's office was never involved with confirming clearances, to my knowledge, unless an individual was being nominated for SCI or needed a courier card. The only other involvement of the SSO's office was to coordinate the IRCCO office's review of the DD254 prior to and after the award of the contract.

Please feel free to contact me with any other questions.

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(b) (6)

Thanks. This helps.

Two more items...from (b) (6)'s initial email to me concerning these events, he has the following:

April 29, 2014

AECOM notifies the DON/AA DRMD (b) (6) and requests that Visitor Requests specific to the Fremont facility be submitted for the May 5-12, 2014 training class. (b) (6) is included in this request.

May 9, 2014

AECOM informs the DON/AA DRMD (b) (6) that (b) (6) has successfully completed initial declassification training and requests that (b) (6) CAC application be processed.

Can you fill in the gaps here...did you pass on these notifications by AECOM to (b) (6)? Was that the process?

V/r,  
James

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I was notified prior to new employee training of any individual who did not possess a CAC to gain entry to the Fremont building. I had to submit a request to Delcarlia Security with the employee names who required access. Individuals who were attending training should have already had a VAR submitted via JPAS to (b) (6)

Once the employee passed the initial training I, as a trusted agent, issued a CAC.

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Thanks again. Please look at the below bullets. Do they capture what happened?

Contractor was listed in JPAS as "TS Eligible"

NGA created a "Profile" in JPAS on the contractor

NGA performed a background investigation, but did not hire contractor.

Contractor did not go through DoD/CAF or OPM/CAF "adjudication" process

Excalibur, a sub under AECOM, hired contractor to work on the Navy Declass Contract

Excalibur sent VAR verifying contractor's security status to the DON/AA Security Coordinator (SMO Code)

Excalibur notified AECOM that contractor had a TS clearance from NGA

Excalibur sent VAR to NARA's Security Office in late April 2014 to begin work

Contractor reviewed Navy boxes at Navy's declass facility in Bethesda, beginning 12 May

Contractor received HRRDR Certification training on 23-26 June in Bethesda, MD

VAR sent to DOE prior to this training

Contractor received NSA equity training at NDC on July 16

Contractor attended NGA equity training at NARA II, based upon VAR sent by Excalibur to NARA

Friday 1 August: Excalibur notified AECOM that contractor's clearance could not be verified

Monday 4 August: AECOM notified Navy Declass COR. Contractor was escorted out of the facility (contractor signed an NDA)

Late January 2015: Navy Declass leadership was first notified. DON Senior Leaders were immediately notified

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From: (b) (6) [mailto:(b) (6)@ssp.navy.mil]  
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I am not sure that "Excalibur sent VAR verifying contractor's security status to the DON/AA Security Coordinator (SMO Code)" Since there was no adjudicated clearance in JPAS there would be nothing to send. I think the NGA letter was faxed.

The contractors have always been responsible for initiating clearances and ensuring that their employees are cleared prior to coming on the contract. Both contracts state that to be able to perform the full range of declassification reviews, contractor personnel must possess a final TS clearance. The Navy 1 contract has an extra statement that a Secret clearance is required for non-review personnel. This is what got Kirk in trouble with NHHC back in 2012. During his time as PM, he would bring the analysts on when their interim Secret was received and they would perform "administrative" functions until their TS came through. That way he didn't lose any analysts while waiting for their final TS. Once (b) (6) took over the procedures changed and AECOM (and I believe QualX) would make tentative offers to analysts and then hire them once their final TS clearance came through. While technically, they could have gone through training with only an interim Secret, Chris did not put them through the training until the final TS was received. Excalibur's procedures were different because they mainly hired former military or reservists with current/existing TS clearances.

In our/my defense, I would say that at no time were we ever given specific instructions on our responsibility to verify the clearance passing to the cognizant "security official" or who in fact that "official" was. I have more questions than answers when it comes to JPAS and I now wonder if prior to moving to Fremont, if VARs were sent to Justino via JPAS at all? Since we were not working at DON/AA sites at the time, he would not need to verify/approve visit requests. I do know that VARs were sent to both NARA and NHHC, which were our worksites prior to Fremont.

I am in today, so feel free to contact me if you or Ed have any questions.

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